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1. This international preliminary report on patentability (Chapter I) is issued by the International Bureau on behalf of the International Searching Authority under Rule 44 *bis*.1(a).

2. This REPORT consists of a total of 6 sheets, including this cover sheet.

In the attached sheets, any reference to the written opinion of the International Searching Authority should be read as a reference to the international preliminary report on patentability (Chapter I) instead.

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1. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items:

- ☒ Box No. I Basis of the opinion
- ☐ Box No. II Priority
- ☒ Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- ☐ Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention
- ☐ Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
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**WRITTEN OPINION OF THE
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Box No. I Basis of the opinion

1. With regard to the **language**, this opinion has been established on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
 - ☐ This opinion has been established on the basis of a translation from the original language into the following language , which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b)).
2. With regard to any **nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence** disclosed in the international application and necessary to the claimed invention, this opinion has been established on the basis of:
 - a. type of material:
 - ☐ a sequence listing
 - ☐ table(s) related to the sequence listing
 - b. format of material:
 - ☐ in written format
 - ☐ in computer readable form
 - c. time of filing/furnishing:
 - ☐ contained in the international application as filed.
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4. Additional comments:

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INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITY**International application No.
PCT/US2004/035857**Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial
applicability**

The questions whether the claimed invention appears to be novel, to involve an inventive step (to be non obvious), or to be industrially applicable have not been examined in respect of:

- ☒ the entire international application,
☐ claims Nos.

because:

- ☐ the said international application, or the said claims Nos. relate to the following subject matter which does not require an *international preliminary examination (specify)*:
- ☐ the description, claims or drawings (*indicate particular elements below*) or said claims Nos. are so unclear that no meaningful opinion could be formed (*specify*):
- ☐ the claims, or said claims Nos. are so inadequately supported by the description that no meaningful opinion could be formed.
- ☒ no international search report has been established for the whole application or for said claims Nos.
- ☐ the nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listing does not comply with the standard provided for in Annex C of the Administrative Instructions in that:
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- ☐ the tables related to the nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listing, if in computer readable form only, do not comply with the technical requirements provided for in Annex C-bis of the Administrative Instructions.
- ☐ See separate sheet for further details

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ad Item III:

- 1 Closest prior art: The common-place distribution of digital content in a distributed network comprising client(s) and server(s). The permissions to access the digital content are either distributed with the digital content and/or retrieved as tickets from a remote server.
- 2 Difference: The additional features of claims 1-45 feature the distribution of the digital content, the versioning control of the digital control, the (enforced) update of the digital content, different language versions of a digital content, the specification of the particular access restriction to the digital content, the granularity of access of such access restriction, the customisation of the digital content to a particular user and different formats of the digital content.
- 3 Technical Problem: The skilled person is an expert in a technical field and cannot be expected to contribute anything of a non-technical nature.
The above differences refer to purely abstract schemes not going beyond business methods or administration methods as such.
These non-technical aspects of the invention are therefore, in a realistic situation, given to the skilled person as part of the requirements specification for the task given to him. The technical problem is may thus be regarded as providing a technical implementation of the non-technical business and administration scheme on the basis of the system of the closest prior art.
- 4 Assessment of Inventive Step: The particular mapping of the technical means used to implement the non-technical business and administration methods as defined by claim 1-46 is straightforward in that the used technical means serve their well known purposes to implement the individual steps of the non-technical method in a one-to-one fashion. The skilled person would therefore not require any inventive technical skills to arrive at the claimed solutions.
In view of the above claims 1-46 lack an inventive step; Article 33(3) PCT.
- 5 Further Objections
 - 5.1 Independent claims 1, 16, 23, 31, 39 and 45 are not in the two-part form in accordance with Rule 6.3(b) PCT, which in the present case would be appropriate, with those features known in combination from the prior art being placed in the preamble (Rule 6.3(b)(i) PCT) and with the remaining features being included in the characterising part (Rule 6.3(b)(ii) PCT).
 - 5.2 The features of the claims 1-46 are not provided with reference signs placed in

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parentheses (Rule 6.2(b) PCT). This applies both to the preamble and the characterising part.